

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

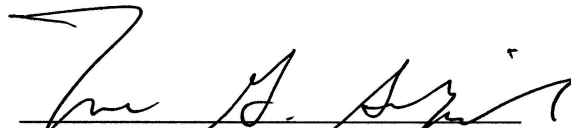
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STEPHEN BUONO,	:	
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Plaintiff,	:	19 Civ. 5413 (LGS)
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-against-	:	<u>ORDER</u>
	:	
AVALONBAY COMMUNITIES, INC.,	:	
Defendant.	:	
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LORNA G. SCHOFIELD, District Judge:

WHEREAS, per the joint pre-trial order at Dkt. No. 64, the parties indicate that they consent to a trial before a United States Magistrate Judge. It is hereby

**ORDERED** that by **February 26, 2021**, the parties shall return an executed version of the attached Notice, Consent and Reference of a Civil Action to a Magistrate Judge form to the Clerk of Court, confirming their intention to conduct all further proceedings before a Magistrate Judge. If a Magistrate Judge has overseen settlement discussions, the parties may, but need not, request a different Magistrate Judge (to be randomly selected) as the trial judge.

Dated: February 23, 2021  
New York, New York

  
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**LORNA G. SCHOFIELD**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
for the  
**SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

<i>Plaintiff</i> v.	)	
<i>Defendant</i>	)	Civil Action No.

**NOTICE, CONSENT, AND REFERENCE OF A CIVIL ACTION TO A MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

*Notice of a magistrate judge's availability.* A United States magistrate judge of this court is available to conduct all proceedings in this civil action (including a jury or nonjury trial) and to order the entry of a final judgment. The judgment may then be appealed directly to the United States court of appeals like any other judgment of this court. A magistrate judge may exercise this authority only if all parties voluntarily consent.

You may consent to have your case referred to a magistrate judge, or you may withhold your consent without adverse substantive consequences. The name of any party withholding consent will not be revealed to any judge who may otherwise be involved with your case.

*Consent to a magistrate judge's authority.* The following parties consent to have a United States magistrate judge conduct all proceedings in this case including trial, the entry of final judgment, and all post-trial proceedings.

<i>Printed names of parties and attorneys</i>	<i>Signatures of parties or attorneys</i>	<i>Dates</i>

**Reference Order**

**IT IS ORDERED:** This case is referred to a United States magistrate judge to conduct all proceedings and order the entry of a final judgment in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and Fed. R. Civ. P. 73.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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*District Judge's signature*

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*Printed name and title*

**Note:** Return this form to the clerk of court only if you are consenting to the exercise of jurisdiction by a United States magistrate judge. Do not return this form to a judge.